(d) what steps have Government taken to help cotton growers in view of the fall in cotton prices;

(e) whether Government have taken any decision to export cotton; if not, by when will Government take the final decision to help cotton growers; and

(f) what is the quantity of cotton available with the Cotton Growers Marketing Federation of Maharashtra and as well as Markfed of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Some of the Cotton Growers' Marketing Federations and Growers' representatives have pleaded for release of further quotas for export of cotton during the current cotton season.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise. In any case, prices have not gone below last year's levels.

(d) and (e) In November, 1991, one lakh bales of Bengal Deshi were allowed to be exported. Government has permitted the Cotton Corporation of India to meet the requirements of cotton of some of our neighbouring countries like Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, in the context of bilateral arrangements, to the extent of up to 30,000 bales.

(f) The Maharashtra Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation is reported to be having a stock of about 5 lakh bales and the Gujarat Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation is stated to be in possession of a stock of about 1.50 lakh bales. These figures are based on the numbers mentioned in the representations of the above Federations.

Pending Projects in West Bengal

*74. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the projects of West Bengal pending with the Central Government proposed by Government of West Bengal for final clearance; and

(b) if so, the details of the projects and reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No project submitted by Government of West Bengal is pending in Planning Commission for investment approval.

(b) Does not arise.

Indigenous Procurement of Missile Materials

*75. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of news reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 17th June, 1992 that U.S. proposes to impose strict control over the export of missile components to many countries including India;

(b) if so, whether this will adversely affect our satellite programme; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for procuring the missile materials indigenously?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Inspite of U.S. restrictions, it will by the Govt's endeavour to continue with the approved satellite programme during the 8th Plan period with minor adjustments. Appropriate long term measures for self reliance in this area are under way.

(c) As far as Integrated Guided Missiles Development Programme is concerned, 'PRITHVI' and 'AGNI' systems come under the purview of recently imposed US